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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

Suzanne Bentz, D.O.
1635 North Greenfield Road, #134
Mesa, AZ 85205

RE: Letter of Concern, License No. 2866, Case No. 3271M

Dear Dr. Bentz:

At the meeting on September 17, 2005, the Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery ("Board") conducted an investigative hearing on the above-referenced complaint. The complaint alleged, among several other things, that you might have violated Arizona Revised Statutes by providing patient care that fell below the prevailing standard or could endanger a patient's health and safety.

Based on the information presented and your discussion with the Board, the Board found there was insufficient evidence to conclude that your conduct constituted unprofessional conduct or to support direct action against your license. However, the Board voted to issue you this advisory LETTER OF CONCERN pursuant to the provisions of A.R.S. 32-1855 (D)(2). The Board was concerned that caring for patients and maintaining records in the manner suggested in this case could lead to violations of A.R.S. §§ 32-1854 (6), and 32-1854 (38), which state,

"Engaging in the practice of medicine in a manner that harms or may harm a patient or that the board determines falls below the community standard."

"Any conduct or practice that endangers a patient's or the public's health or may reasonably be expected to do so."

A Letter of Concern is a non-disciplinary action that remains part of the public record of your license for five years from the date of issuance (meeting date). During those years it will be provided in response to requests for copies of your license file or verifications of license status, including being posted on the Board's website. It also may be cited in future actions against your license. Because it is not a disciplinary action, it is not reported to the National Practitioner Data Base.

Respectfully,


Jack Confer
Executive Director

JC/s
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